

# Color the: **WOLF EELPOUT**

The Wolf Eelpout belongs to the Eelpout family of fishes. Eelpouts are adapted to very cold water in either arctic regions or the deep-sea. They are an important link in the deep-sea food web, feeding on tiny invertebrates, and being fed upon by larger fishes and crabs.

The wolf eelpout is a small eel-like fish that lives in the cold deep-sea. Off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina wolf eelpouts exist in enormous numbers between 300-1000 meters depth on the continental slope, feeding on rich supplies of clams and crustaceans in the muddy bottom. Their undersea neighbors include the predatory red crab and large anemones.



Research submersible "Johnson-Sea-Link" dives to 900 meters to explore the deep-sea fish community



red crab

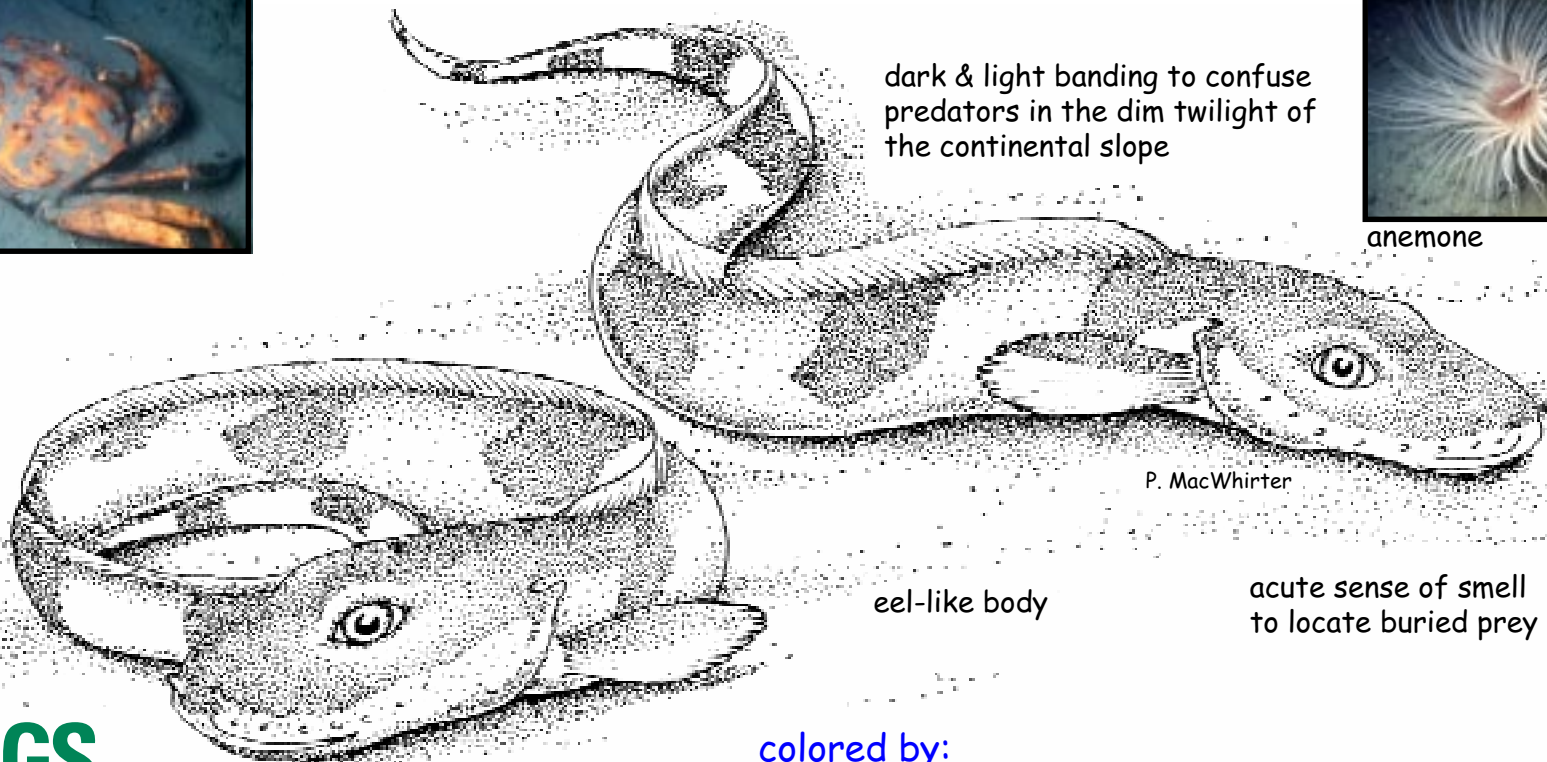
female lays large eggs

The wolf eelpout rarely swims, moving along the bottom in a snake-like fashion.

dark & light banding to confuse predators in the dim twilight of the continental slope



anemone



eel-like body

acute sense of smell to locate buried prey